

WEBSITES

NHWoods.org	UNH Cooperative Extension Forests, Wildlife & Trees website
WildNH.com	NH Fish and Game website
NRCS Backyard Conservation	Use search engine (Google, etc.) on “Natural Resource Conservation Service – Backyard Conservation”
NHInvasives.org	NH Invasive Species Information
NHnursery.com	NH State Forest Nursery – source of locally-grown plants

BOOKS & OTHER WEB PUBLICATIONS

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- Henderson, Carrol L., *Woodworking for Wildlife: Homes for Birds and Mammals*; 1992, MN Dept. of Natural Resources (ISBN: 978-0788123191)
- National Wildlife Fed. Wildlife Habitat Certification Program: *A Garden for Wildlife: Making Wildlife Habitat at Home* <https://www.nwf.org/garden-for-wildlife/certify>
- New Hampshire Guide to Upland Invasive Species
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource000988_Rep1134.pdf
- Native Plant Trust: *Invasives*
<https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/conservation/invasive>
- Souza, Ellen. *The Green Garden: A New England Guide to Planning, Planting and Maintaining the Eco-Friendly Habitat Garden*. Bunker Hill Publishing 2011. (ISBN-10: 1-59373-091-8)
- Tallamy, Douglas. *Bringing Nature Home: How Native Plants Sustain Wildlife in Our Gardens*. Timber Press 2009, (ISBN-10: 0881929921)
- UNH Cooperative Extension Fact Sheet, *Alternatives to Invasive Plants*, Catherine Neal, 2009.
http://extension.unh.edu/resources/files/Resource001358_Rep1815.pdf
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A Garden for Wildlife: Natural Landscaping for a Better Backyard

Ten Tips for Better Backyard Habitat

Volunteers from the UNH Cooperative Extension *Speaking for Wildlife* Program offer these tips for attracting wildlife to your backyard:

- 1) **Plant native wild flowers** to benefit pollinators.
- 2) **Plant native shrubs and trees** that have important fruit and seeds eaten by birds and mammals. See “NH’s Native Trees, Shrubs and Vines with Wildlife Value” and the NH State Nursery (NHNursery.com) and your local Conservation District plant sales are a great place to get these plants.
- 3) **Less lawn**— think about how much lawn you really need and consider allowing some areas to grow into a meadow, or plant flower beds or shrubs. Remember the less lawn you have, the less mowing you have to do!
- 4) **Reduce fall cleanup**—Try to minimize the amount of raking and clipping you do in the fall. Leaving plant material (like leaves) on the ground through the winter will help build soil. You can always clean up what’s left in the spring.
- 5) **Build a brush pile** – this is an easy way to provide cover for wildlife on your property.
- 6) **Install bird boxes** – do some research to find out what bird boxes will best suit your yard based on the habitat and bird species you already have on your property.
- 7) **Put up a bird feeder in the winter** to bring birds closer to you! Just remember to always take your feeder down in the spring to avoid problems with bears.
- 8) **Add a water feature** for wildlife, and again this can be as simple as a bird bath or a rock with a depression that fills with water after a good rain.’
- 9) If you have questions or need ideas, try calling or emailing the UNH Cooperative Extension Education Center and Info line, which is staffed by trained Master Gardner volunteers: 1-877-EXT-GROW (1-877-398-4769) or email: answers@unh.edu
- 10) Enjoy! Make sure you get out and enjoy your backyard habitat. Make a place to sit and spend time watching all the wildlife that are going to be using it!